

37. (Amended) A method of ordering prints comprising the steps of:  
accessing image data stored in a center server via a network;  
receiving a printing service order transferred from a customer that is related to  
the image data;  
creating order information representing the printing service order; and  
transmitting the order information to the center server.

39. (Amended) A print order processing method comprising the steps of:  
analyzing whether or not a customer has an access right to image data based on  
order information transferred from the customer to a center server via a network, the  
order information representing a printing service order that is related to image data; and  
carrying out processing for providing a printing service to the customer only  
when the access right is confirmed.

40. (Amended) A print order processing method comprising the steps of:  
selecting a laboratory to output a print from a plurality of selectable laboratories,  
each laboratory having a picture printer and having an ability to communicate via a  
network, the selection based on order information which is transferred from a customer  
to a center server via the network, the order information representing a printing service  
order related to image data used to output the print; and

ordering a laboratory server in the selected laboratory to carry out processing for providing the printing service by transmitting instruction information from the center server to the laboratory server.

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41. (Amended) A printing order apparatus comprising:  
access means for accessing image data stored in a center server via a network;  
receiving means for receiving a printing service order transferred from a customer that is related to the image data;  
creating means for creating order information representing the printing service order; and  
transmitting means for transmitting the order information to the center server.

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43. (Amended) A printing order processing apparatus comprising:  
analyzing means for analyzing whether or not a customer has an access right to image data based on order information transferred from the customer to a center server via a network, the order information representing a printing service order that is related to image data; and  
processing means for carrying out processing for providing a printing service to the customer only when the access right is confirmed.

44. (Amended) A printing order processing apparatus comprising:

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selecting means for selecting a laboratory to output a print from a plurality of selectable laboratories, each laboratory having a picture printer and having an ability to communicate via a network, the selection based on order information which is transferred from a customer to a center server via the network, the order information representing a printing service order related to image data used to output the print; and

ordering means for ordering a laboratory server in the selected laboratory to carry out processing for providing the printing service by transmitting instruction information from the center server to the laboratory server.

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47. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer-readable medium having computer program logic stored thereon for enabling a processor in a computer system to perform print order processing, said computer program logic enabling the processor to:

analyze whether or not a customer has an access right to image data based on order information transferred from the customer to a center server via a network, the order information representing a printing service order that is related to image data; and carry out processing for providing a printing service to the customer only when the access right is confirmed.

48. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer-readable medium having computer program logic stored thereon for enabling a processor in a

computer system to perform print order processing, said computer program logic enabling the processor to:

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select a laboratory to output a print from a plurality of selectable laboratories, each laboratory having a picture printer and having an ability to communicate via a network, the selection based on order information which is transferred from a customer to a center server via the network, the order information representing a printing service order related to image data used to output the print; and

order a laboratory server in the selected laboratory to carry out processing for providing the printing service by transmitting instruction information from the center server to the laboratory server.